

Dear Members of the Cape Fear River Assembly,

As many of you are aware, the North Carolina Division of Water Quality is accepting comments regarding the proposed rules for nutrient management in Jordan Lake. I am aware that we are a very diverse group, with diverse interests, priorities and needs. Finding common ground on this issue is likely to be challenging, but I know that all of us have sound environmental stewardship of our river, the Cape Fear and its headwaters in the Haw River and Jordan Lake, as an important part of our core values.

Comments are being accepted until Sept. 15, 2007. I would like to draft a letter of comment (along with Roger) addressing support for and concern about these rules as we feel are appropriate. Our diversity will make it impossible to reach agreement on the entire package of rules as currently presented. But I would like to solicit comments regarding individual points - especially parts of the proposed rules that we CAN support.

The web site with the executive summary and the rules can be found at:

<http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/nps/JordanNutrientStrategy.htm>

I urge you to take a look at these proposals, and comment on specifics to me. I will compile your comments and try to find areas of agreement and support. I am aware that many of the local governments in the upper Haw have concerns - but I would like to find areas that we can agree to support as well as to criticize.

Please e-mail me, Janet MacFall at macfallj@elon.edu with your comments. My goal is not to offer a letter supporting or refuting all of the proposed rules - but to address specific points of support or concern on which we can agree (or at least come close to agreement). Any concerns can also be addressed at this time.

This is probably one of the most important issues in the Cape Fear Basin - one which will point a direction for future management decisions. We are all acutely aware of the challenges of future population growth - that will happen in the not too distant future. Our decisions and recommendations will be a guide for how we will manage the future of our water resources - in the Cape Fear Valley - our home.

I appreciate your thoughtful comments. I know there are many official resolutions and comments that have been offered by our local governments - I look forward to hearing from you as individual members of our organization.

Thank you and regards, Janet MacFall, Vice-chair of the Cape Fear River Assembly.

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